

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

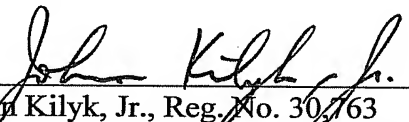
The specification has been amended to include the issued patent number of the parent application. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

The specification amendment was not presented earlier because the absence of the issued patent number of the parent application was only recently appreciated by Applicants, after receipt of the Notice of Allowance.

The scope of the claims has not changed as a result of this amendment to the specification. Accordingly, no additional search or examination is required as a result of this amendment. The allowed claims remain patentable in view of the fact that the specification amendment herein does not change the scope of the claims (but rather merely improves the form of the specification).

If there are any questions regarding the specification amendment, or if, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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